

OWI COURT

September 9, 2025

ATTENDEES: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Brenda Lee, Ms. Sara Tienhaara, Ms. Breanna Magallones, Ms. Annette Zortman, Mr. Ben Meyer, Ms. Jeri Driscoll

1. Call to order; Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the OWI Court Sub-Committee was brought to order at 12:01 a.m. by Ms. Sara Tienhaara. Tienhaara noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Ben Meyer, seconded by Ms. Beth Hoerchler to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Review Minutes from the August 19, 2025 OWI Court Sub-Committee Meeting:

Motion by Ms. Beth Hoerchler, seconded by Mr. Ben Meyer to approve the minutes of August 19, 2025. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Update on OWI Court:

Mr. Ben Meyer stated that there have been a number of people that have been waiting for OWI Court to begin. Some of these people have done some treatment and/or driver's plan. This would make them ineligible for OWI court since the treatment would be the same. If people are interested in OWI Court they should not start treatment. They could go to see a Recovery Coach before OWI Court begins.

We also need to get releases from potential OWI participants as soon as possible. We would like to get information about OWI Court into the hands of potential OWI court participants as soon as possible. We could possibly get the information to the jail about OWI Court but the barrier is that the individual does court hearings via television and are not physically present in court. In January, we will have a Crisis Person at the jail and they could give the people OWI Court Information.

The group also discussed barriers of how long it takes to get an attorney and are there potential ways that we can decrease the wait time.

4. Policy and Procedure:

This document is a work in progress and will continually be updated as OWI court goes on.

5. MOU:

The group went over the MOU and made some minor corrections. This will be updated and sent to the Department of Corrections.

6. Public Comment: No public present.

7. Agenda Items for future meetings:

- Usual agenda items.

8. Adjourn: 12:50 p.m.



Ms. Sara Tienhaara

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